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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/EP00/08211

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-35, as originally filed
pages, filed with the demand
pages, filed with the letter of
- ☒ the claims:
pages 1-10, as originally filed
pages, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
pages, filed with the demand
pages, filed with the letter of
- ☐ the drawings:
pages, as originally filed
pages, filed with the demand
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- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
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- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig. _____

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V Reasoned statement under Article 33(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	6-7	YES
	Claims	1-5, 8-10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	6-7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: DE-A-43 39 951 (BASF LACKE + FARBEN) 1 June 1995 (1995-06-01)

D2: EP-A-0 752 455 (BASF LACKE + FARBEN) 8 January 1997 (1997-01-08) &
DE-A-41 10 520 1 October 1992 (1992-10-01), mentioned in the application.

D1 is prejudicial to the novelty (PCT Article 33(2)) of the subject matter of Claims 1-5 and 8-10 (cf. in particular the citations from the search report and e.g. column 1, line 36). The proportion of water in component A is 5-80%, preferably 10-70%. As is generally known, a numerical range for an already included numerical range is normally prejudicial to novelty.

The measures in Claims 6 and 7, carried out like those in D2 (loc cit), are of trivial importance for a combined system for colors. An inventive step is thus lacking (PCT Article 33(3)).

Industrial applicability is established (PCT Article 33(4)).